FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Regular Session.

BENATE.

ate was not in session to-day. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The reading of the journal of yesters receedings occupied forty minutes. Mr. WILLIAMS, of Ala., offered a resolution

was made, the House adjourned.

MR. W. W. STORY'S LECTURE.

Art as Defined by a Great Sculptor.

Illiam W. Story, the sculptor of whom rice is proud, and who for the last quarter of a tury has resided under fair linly's sumy skies, ared last evening in Lincolu Hall, to a large thoroughly appreciative audience, among m were the President and Mrs. Hayes, General must. Chief-Justice Walte, Secretary Sherman, real Burnside, and others.

Story, in personal appearance, is not strik-

ART IS ENTIRELY AN'ILLUSION.

ave done such a thing if he had not drinked a infle."
Shmits was a skillful workman in Carter's jewelry establishment in Kewerk, and the poten with which he killed himself was cyanide of potassrum.

The Episcopal Convocation.

The convocation of Episcopal churches held a session has evening in the Epiphany Church. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. Mesera. W. C. Butler, of Frime George's County, Md.; Anteress, of Washington; and the Dean, Rev. Dr., lewin. This morning, at half-past an o'clock, Dr. faret will preach in St. John's Church, and in the pening the convocation meets in the Ascension hurch, corner of Marsachusetts avenue and welfix street.

GREENBACKS. That the Supreme Court Decide Celebrated Legal-Tender Causs— Sherman's Error in that Regard.

In the speach delivered by the Hou. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, at Mansfield Ohio, on Friday avening, August 17, 1877, as printed by Judd & Detweller, in this city, the homorable Secretary made use of the following language:
"There is a targe class of people who believe that paper can be and ought to be made into money without any promise or hope of redemption; that a note should be printed.

and be made a legal tender.

"I regard this as a mild form of tunser, and have no disposition to debate with men who indulge in such detastons. They have pervalled to some extent at different times in all countries, but their life has been brief, and they have ever shared the fake content of the second of the

declare what is mousy is not in Congress, it is annihilated.

On page 547 the court said, "How, then, can the grant of a power to cosh money and regulate its countries of the c

any department of oncer, the creation of such a currency will, within the reasoning of the court, be a valid and constitutional exercise of power.

The Sun's Mean Parallax.

In the last number of Noters (November 1) a most interesting state paper is announced—a report by the Astronomer Royal on the telescopic observations of the Transit of Venus of 1874, made by the expedition sent out by the British government and the results deduced from them. The mean solar parallax obtained by combination of all the observations is given as 8.7% which gives the mean distance of the sun \$3,200,000 miles. Many astronomers will hesitate to receive this value, as it is at least a tenth of a vestigations. The value obtained by frod. Simon Newcomb, Superintendent of our Nautical Almanca, and adopted in most of the ephemericals, is 8.78h, corresponding to a distance of 92,300,000 miles. Perhaps when the English photographic observations are reduced the result given above by the Astronomer Royal will be modified. The late the serve the opposition of Mars last September, may also afford the mean of still further affecting this result. The observations are necessary and the means of still further affecting this result. The observations may be constructed by the stronomer of the surface and the means of still further affecting this result. The observations are now being the surface of the sun necessary and the means of still further affecting this result. The observations made the world until the observations of the Transit of Venus on December 6, 183, shall have been reduced. As this Transit will be world until the observations of the Transit of Venus on December 6, 183, shall have been reduced. As this Transit will be world until the observations of the Transit of Venus on December 6, 183, shall have been reduced. As this Transit will be generally accepted by the stronomers of the world until the observations of the Transit will be generally accepted by the stronomers of the world until the observations of the francient strongers, a

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Lewron, Dec. 5.—The bark Emila Clamps, from indentify the Relitions, has returned, having seen damaged by a collision.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. DOINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND

Departments, and About Town by the Re-porters of the National Republican.

WARINGTON, Dec. 5, 1877.

Another Deserkesper in Trouble.

Angry storm clouds are gathering on the horison of Col. J. W. Polk, Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, and will break ers long. Growing dissatisfaction about the management of his department has ripened into deep indignation, which it is no longer sought to conceal. It was known that Polk, in order to secure his election, had made any quantity of promises to his supporters as to the patronage he would place at their disposal, but the pfollife follilliment of these piedges has surpassed even the most sangulane expectations.

fact that he was to be removed. And so on ad dis-ham.

The state of feeling which this condition of things has created may be easily imagined. Two resolutions have been prepared—one di-recting an investigation into Col. Political accounts: the other deating in a more keeper vacant. Both are to be brought up in open House, and, as the first-named one would naturally be roierred to the Committee on Accounts, who for obvious reasons would be disposed to act in a char-liable spirit, the tarpression prevaits that the more stringent resolution of the two will be the one which will meet with general approved. Maryland, Politic most formidable competitor in the caucus in October least, has arrived in town and is sharpen-ing his tomahawk for a new onslaught.

iblican Senators held a caucus yes The Regionican Senators field a caucus yea-terday for the parpose of acting upon the report of the committee appointed on Tuesday to revise the list of standing committees of the Senate, made ex-pedient by the recent additions to the roll of Sen-ators. It was decided to give the Democrats a full minority representation on all the committees ex-cept that on Privileges and Elections, which the minority prefer should remain as now consti-tuted.

tied.
To effect this purpose, Mr. Howe retires from the inance Committee, which has had six Republi-

To effect this purpose, Mr. Howe retires from the Finance Committee, which has had six Republicans and three Democrata, and a Democrat will be put in his place, so that the committee will stand the to four. In like manner Mr. Feller rotires from the Committee on Milliary Affairs, Mr. Kirk wood from Saval Affairs, and Mr. Sculmers from the Committee on Milliary Affairs, Mr. Kirk wood from Saval Affairs, and Mr. Sculmers from Mr. Kellogg on Persions. Mr. Kellogg will take the place of Mr. Cover on Mississippi Levess and of Mr. Burnside on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, Some other changes will probably be made in the way of transfers of members.

The Democratic Sensors will hold a consultation this morning for the purpose of naming Sensors to fill the positions left open for them by the Residual Committee. When arranged, the amended list will be submitted to the Senste for its action.

Democratic Cancus.

A scantily-attended cancus of Democratic members was held yesterday after the adjournment of the House. Mr. Cirmer, of Pennsylvania, sected as secretary. The cancus had been called for the avowed purpose of obtaining, if possible, a secretary. The cancus had been called for the Avowed purpose of obtaining, if possible, a feat time to-day. Mr. Stillson Hutchins, the publisher of the Fast, was present and was introduced to the cancus. He stated the fect of the proposed publication, and solitoited for the enterprise like contents are also as a support of Democratic unimbers. He stated the fect of the proposed publication, and solitoited for the enterprise like contents are also as a support of Democratic unimbers. He stated the fect of the proposed publication, and solitoited for the enterprise like on the paper should have been sufficiently developed to show that it deserved substantial encourage.

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A resolution was offured sutherising the chair to appoint a committee of five, who are to take the subject under consideration and suggest what section may be proper for members to take in the premises. A member interposed the suggestion that it might be most proper if the publishers were to do their own canvassing, but the resolution above referred to was fusily adopted. The chairmant was also interested to appoint a committees of five members, who shall arrange for

pairing any member who may be suddenly called away from the city without having an opportunity to attend to the matter.

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The Lost of the Huron,
The Secretary of the Navy has received telegram from Heutenant-Commander Green, a the week of the Huron, saying that so far he he borted eight officers and gixty-three men, and awaiting instructions from the commandant a

Ins there.

Public Timber Lands.

mmissioner Williamson, of the General

5-Office, is preparing a bill for the sale or dis

1 of timber and timber lands in accordance

The Colorado Election Case

Internal Revenue Matters

The Paris Exposition Bill.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed yesterday to all the Senate's amendments to the Paris Exposition bill. Mr. Swann, chairman, will put the bill on its passage as soon as he can obtain the floor.

JUSTICE TO THE SOLDIERS.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

of Judges-The Patterson R to be Sent to the United States Senate. COLUMNIA, S. C., Dec. 5.—The Legislatu

TENNESSEE.

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FIRGURIA.

Organization of the Two Houses.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 5.—The General Assembly met at noon to-day. The Senate, Lieuteriant-Governor Thomas preciding, re-elected Shelton of C. Davis clerk, and W. W. Harrison sergeants arms. The message was sent in by Jov. Read and ordered to be printed. Adjourned.

The House organized by Beaker The Governor Thomas preciding to the clerk and error of the Composition of the Composit

Extra Session of the Legislature,
NASHVILLE, Dec. 5.—The Legislature met,
heard the reading of Governor's message, stating
the object of convening in extraordinary sesion, and earnestl yarging the adoption of the bondholder's stay-cents proposition, and adjourned
until to-morrow morning without action.

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Election in Georgia.

Acousta, Ga, Dec. b.—An election was held in the state to-day for members of the Legislature; also for the radification of the new Constitution. The election passed off quietly in this city. There was no exposition for members of the lower house, the control of the control

The Tweed Ring Investigation.

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New Your, Dec. 5.—The Tweed investigation by the allermanic committee was resumed to-day. Counsel for Peter J. Sweeney submitted a protest against his appearance before the committee as witness, on ground that atipulations had been made with Attorner-General giving him immunity form attending as witness on any trial until thirty days after he had settled his affairs in the city. The committee will look, after the matter, Gen. Barlow was then recalled and made further explanations in regard to the Keyser frust-frund, in the hands of Jackson Schultz.

Peter R. Olney was also examined on the subject Jackson Schultz, in his testimony, said that he considered himself trustee, or "go-between", in settle sidered himself trustee, or "go-between", in settle sidered himself trustee, or "go-between", in settle came to the witness once and said that Keyser had dealed participation in frands. The witness importuned Comptroller Green, late Mayor Haveneyer, and Mr. Tilden to have the affairs of Keyser arranged, but Green and Tilden had a disagreement about it, and the matter fell through.

Trotting-Horse Breeders' Association.

A Hand of Outlaws.

LOUISVILLE, Kv., Dec. 5.—A special from Crab Orehard, Kentucky, says some burgins arrested yesterday, have been released by friends, and are diffing the law. Citizens from other parts of the county are arming themselves to effect the capture of the outlaws.

The New York Heads says that half a mill-ton of dolars were lost by the farmers of West Vir-ginia by the recent. Soosis, many of them being nearly ruined, much of which damage might have been prevented if adequate warning had been given of the flood. The damage on the Potomac, the Shenandoah, The damage on the Potomac, the Shenandoah,

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STANLEYS EXPLORATIONS

Expression of Appreciation by the Portuguese Authorities.

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The Department of State has received a dispatch, datad the 20th October, from the United States consul at Lisbon, enclosing copies of correspondence transmitted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal in reference to the arrival of Mr Henry M. Stanley at St. Paul de Loands, and his reception there by the Portuguese authorities. A very lively interest is taken by Fortugal in the important discoveries made by Mr. Stanley, and it is thought that the result will be the opening of an important trade with that kitherto unknown country lying between the vast possessions which Portugal has on both the "est and west coasts of Africa.

CUSTODIO JOSE DUARTE,

Secretary-General of Angola.

MR. STANLEY TO THE GOVERNOR-GINERAL.

ST. PALL, DE LOANDA, Aug. 22. DETA

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YOUR EXCELLINEY: While responding to your
kind and noble welcome, contained in your letter
received by me hast evening. I am impressed with
the cesy high hours you have done ane, and feel
myself unable for spaces in words the grateful
emotions that throb in my heart.

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HENRY M. STANLEY.

The Board of Fire Commissioners met las

of \$2,000.

The report of Mr. Miles, superintendent of the fire-slaru stelegraph, stated that the general repairs reported in operation last month had been completed, and the lines were now in as good condition as it was possible to make a house-top tolegraph.

Applications for positions in the department were received from Richard Sweeney, Patrick Nauphton, John Chonolly, John Hoye, Charles W. Jacobs, and Millard F. Fishelmen.

Esquisitions for the month of December were A number of repairs to apparatus were made necessary by the arduous labors of the department in pumping out cellars and sewers flooded by the recent freshet.

A report was made concerning the

PAID AT LAST.

BALEF TELEGRAMS.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 5.—At an adjourned temesting of the board of the base ball league a resolution recommending the admission of the new faction of the five does not fall too rapidly. Southern steamers the hold a franchise, but their application for membership will be considered to morrow. The league proper met at noon, and voted to admit the Cincinnati, Mineral forms of the first of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the first of the new faction of the new

AFFAIRS IN EUROPE.

CONTINUATION OF THE PRENCH MIN. INTERIAL TROUBLES.

Turkish Victory at Elena-Impo to the Turks-Servia Again Halting-Ger-man Masons for England-Health of the

An English View of French Politics.

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Times from Paris says: "All the political finesting and osternable negotiations which have been going on for some days past simply concess a plan o campaign for the execution of which it was necess

POSSTRILITY OF AN ARRANGEMENT

THE RUSSIANS REPORE ERREBOUM.

SERVIAN HESITANCY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Thac's Belgrade spondent says Austria has sent a remons against Servia's participation in the war. N has been received from Turkey or England final arrangements between Servia and Rus not seem to be complete.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The striking ma ommittee has received information that from undred to two hundred additional Ge-manons had loft Stuttgart for London.

THE CHANNEL CROWDED